

2014 Fall / 2015 Spring Spring Black Bear Hunting Seasons

General Rules

- **Apply for spring controlled hunts Jan 15-Feb 15.**
- **Apply for fall controlled hunts May 1-June 5.**

Bag Limit: No person may take more than one black bear per legal tag in his or her possession.

Female Black Bear With Young: No female black bear accompanied by young may be taken.

Evidence of Sex: For black bears, external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis, or testicles for males or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check requirement has been satisfied.

Capturing Black Bears: No person may trap, snare or otherwise capture or hold black bears.

Mandatory Check and Report: Any hunter killing a black bear must, *within 10 days of kill*:

- Present the skull and hide to an Idaho Fish and Game regional office, official check point, or a Fish and Game conservation officer for removal and retention of a premolar tooth and to have the hide tagged with an official state export tag. No person, who does not possess a fur buyer or taxidermist license with appropriate import documentation, shall have, **except** during the open season and for 10 days after the close of the season, any raw black bear pelt that does not have an official state export tag attached (either Idaho's or another state's official export documentation).
- A hunter may authorize another person to comply with the above requirements if that person possesses enough information to accurately complete the necessary form. Proxy required, see page 102.
- **Please thaw your black bear hide and skull before bringing it in for tagging or staff members may not be able to complete check-in.**

Fish and Game's headquarters office is not equipped to check in bears. In the Boise area, these animals can be checked Monday through Friday, at the Fish and Game regional office in Nampa, (3101 S. Powerline Road, 208-465-8465) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by appointment at the Garden City facility, 109 W. 44th St., 208-327-7095.

Dump Grounds: No person may hunt or pursue black bears at any time within 200 yards of the perimeter of any designated dump ground or sanitary landfill.

Special Tags

Second tags: Second tags for black bears may be used only in Units 4, 4A, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, 27 and that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River. Nonresident black bear tags for use in these units are available for \$31.75.

Nonresident Deer or Elk tags: A nonresident deer or elk tag, excluding nonresident junior mentored deer and elk tags, may be used to tag a black bear, mountain lion or gray wolf, see page 112 for details.

Nonresident Reduced Bear Tags: Please see page 112.

Bait

Bait for hunting is any substance placed to attract game animals. Bait may be used to hunt black bears but only under the following conditions:

Time: No bait or bait containers may be placed for the purpose of attracting or taking black bears before the opening of black bear take season, except in Units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, and 27, where bait may be placed up to 7 days before the take season.

- All bait containers and materials must be removed, and all excavations refilled, no later than 7 days after the close of spring, fall, or dog training season.

Location: No bait site may be located within 200 feet of any water (lake, pond, reservoir, or year-round free-flowing stream or spring), or within 200 yards of any maintained trail or any road.

- No bait site may be located within one-half mile of any designated campground or picnic area, administrative site, or dwelling.

Bait: No parts of animals or fish that are currently classified as game animals or game fish in Idaho may be used as bait. This includes game animals and fish that come from the wild and commercial domestic sources (i.e., pen-raised game birds/animals or hatchery-raised game fish).

- The skin must be removed from any mammal parts or carcasses used as bait.
- No person shall use salt in any form (liquid or solid) for bait.

Containers: No bait may be contained within paper, plastic, glass, metal, wood, or other nonbiodegradable materials, **except** that a single metal container with a maximum size of 55 gallons may be used if securely attached at the bait site.

- No bait may be contained in any excavated hole greater than 4 feet in diameter.

Establishment of Bait Sites: Any structures constructed at bait sites and all materials must be removed by the permit holder within 7 days after the close of the spring and fall black bear seasons.

- All bait sites must be visibly marked at the nearest tree or on the bait container using a tag supplied by Fish and Game.

Baiting Permits: All persons placing bait must possess a baiting permit issued by Fish and Game. Baiting permits are issued by mail or in person from Fish and Game regional and sub-regional offices beginning March 1 of each year.

- Baiting permits will be valid in the calendar year for which they are issued.
- A hunter may possess only one Fish and Game baiting permit each year and may maintain up to three bait sites. The number of bait sites maintained by licensed outfitters may be specified by the land management agency in the outfitter’s operating plan.
- Bait site tags are valid for spring and fall seasons in the calendar year for which they are issued.
- No person may hunt over an unlawful bait site.
- Guides and clients of outfitters are not required to obtain a

baiting permit, but they must have a copy of the outfitter’s permit in their possession while hunting over a bait site.

- Possession of a Fish and Game baiting permit does not exempt the permit holder from any restrictions placed on users of federal, state or private lands.

Hound Hunting

Please see the section on hound hunting rules on page 101.

Bear Identification

NEW! To prevent mistaken identity, bear hunters are encouraged to learn to identify black bears and tell them from grizzly bears in the wild. A bear identification training program is available on our website at: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/education/bearIdentification/>
This link is provided for educational purposes only.

LEARN ABOUT LEAD

HUNTER INFORMATION:	RISK REDUCTION TIPS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead shot is banned in U.S. for waterfowl hunting, but is still used for other purposes. • Lead can be toxic if ingested. • The toxicity depends on the level and frequency of exposure. • Lead can have physiological effects. • Wildlife can be poisoned from ingesting lead. • People can ingest lead particles from bullets in hunter harvested game animals. • Lead particles in venison may be too small to detect by sight, feel or taste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use non-lead, copper or other high-weight retention ammunition. • Liberally trim around the wound channel. • Discard meat that is bruised, discolored or contains hair, dirt, bone fragments, or plant material. • Use caution when rinsing the carcass to avoid spreading lead fragments. • Ground venison has more lead fragments than steaks and chops. • Ask commercial processors not to combine meat from other hunters with yours. • Avoid cooking venison with acidic substances like vinegar or wine. • Practice good marksmanship. • Practice clean field handling techniques.

Grizzly Bear or Black Bear?

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!

Black Bear
Straight Face
Profile

No Hump



Round Front Track

Grizzly Bear
Dish Face
Profile

Hump



Straight Front Track

Bear Identification Program

Grizzly bears are a federally protected species. This program is primarily intended to help black bear hunters avoid a case of mistaken identity between a black bear and a grizzly bear. Anyone interested in being able to identify these two species of bears will find it useful as well. Participation is voluntary.


The program is organized into three sections:

1. Overview / Training Section - covers the basics of bear identification and lists several distinct features that distinguish these two species.
2. Training Videos - videos of grizzly bears and black bears. It is often difficult to tell the difference between a grizzly bear and a black bear from a single photo. The videos show multiple features that distinguish grizzly bears from black bears.
3. Bear Identification Exam - 15 multiple choice questions. You must get 80 percent of the questions correct to pass. You may provide your name and contact information and print out a personalized certificate of completion.


Please visit the Fish and Game website: fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/education/bearIdentification/ for safety tips while hunting in grizzly bear country, taking the bear identification training program, and reporting grizzly bear observations.


Grizzly bears may be found in 3 areas of Idaho: the Panhandle in big game units 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7 and 9; the Bitterroot Mountains along the Idaho/Montana border in big game units 10, 12 and 17; and Southeast Idaho in the Yellowstone Ecosystem in big game units 60, 61, 62, 62A, 64, 65, 66 and 67.



 Fall 2014 / 2015 Black Bear Seasons (Females with young are protected!)				
Units	Take Season	Dogs Prohibited	Dog Training	Notes
1	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Jan 1 - Dec 31	None	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
2, 3, 5	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	<i>Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
4, 4A	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 15 - June 20	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - April 30	June 21 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
6	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
7, 9	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 15 - July 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
8	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
8A, 10A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	June 1 - July 31	<i>Bait prohibited</i>
10, 12	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
11	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	None	
11A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
13	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
14, 18	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	June 1 - July 31	
15	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	June 1 - July 31	
16	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used North of Selway River, Remainder of unit: 1 bear tag</i>
16A, 17, 19, 20	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	None	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used , Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered in Unit 17</i>
19A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	
20A	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	None	<i>Second bear tag may be used Electronic calls may be used</i>
21, 21A, 28, 36B	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	

 Fall 2014 / 2015 Black Bear Seasons (Females with young are protected!)				
Units	Take Season	Dogs Prohibited	Dog Training	Notes
22, 31, 32, 32A	None		May 23 - July 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 32 & 32A, See Pages 103-105</i>
23	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 7	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 8 - July 31	
24, 25	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 7	Oct 5 - Oct 31	June 8 - July 31	
26, 27	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used Electronic calls may be used</i>
29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 103-105</i>
33	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 5 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	<i>That portion of Unit 33 within the Middle Fork of the Payette River drainage downstream from but excluding Powder House Gulch drainage is closed during dog training season.</i>
34, 35, 36	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 5 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	
39	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 5 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	
43, 44, 45, 48, 49	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 45 & 49, See Pages 103-105</i>
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 103-105</i>
60	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	None	Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered
60A, 63, 63A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	
61	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31 west of Howard Creek in Clark County only .	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited in Fremont County and east of Howard Creek in Clark County , Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
62, 62A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Jan 1 - Dec 31	None	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
64, 65, 66, 66A, 67, 69, 76	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 7	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 1 - July 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 66, 66A, 69 & 76, See Pages 103-105, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered in Units 64, 65, 66 & 67</i>
75, 77, 78	None		June 1 - July 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Participants - If interested in helping with infor- mation collection in this area please contact the Southeast Regional Office before pursuing bears.</i>

 Fall 2014 Black Bear Controlled Hunts (215 Tags) (Females with young are protected!)				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
8501	1 ^b (see pg 74)	15	Sep 15 - Oct 9	<i>Bait prohibited. See note 1, Page 74, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
8502	22 ^a (see pg 74)	100	Aug 15 - Aug 31	<i>Bait prohibited Private land only, excluding corporate timber lands, See note 1, Page 74</i>
			Sep 1 - Oct 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Dogs prohibited Oct 1 - Oct 31, See note 1, Page 74</i>
8503	32 ^a (see pg 74)	100	Aug 15 - Aug 31	<i>Bait prohibited Private land only, excluding corporate timber lands, See note 1, Page 74 Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 103-105</i>
			Sep 1 - Oct 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Dogs prohibited Oct 1 - Oct 31, See note 1, Page 74, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 103-105</i>

 Spring 2015 Black Bear Controlled Hunts (150 Tags) (Females with young are protected!)				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
8001	22 ^a (see pg 74)	75	Apr 1 - May 22	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited</i>
8002	32 ^a (see pg 74)	75	Apr 1 - May 22	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 103-105</i>

Notes:

- Controlled hunt tag holders must have a hound-hunter permit to use dogs in this hunt. Any dogs used must be under the control of the tag holder. Bears may not be pursued during this controlled hunt without having a controlled hunt tag in possession.

^a This hunt includes other units or parts of other units. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

^b This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 108-111.

Black Bear Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions

Hunt Area 1 – That portion of Unit 1 within the following boundary: Beginning at the Idaho/Washington state line where it intersects the Pend Oreille River, then northward along the Idaho/Washington state line to the Lamb Creek drainage, then southeasterly along the northern edge of the Lamb Creek divide to Priest Lake, then along the southern shore of Priest Lake to the Soldier Creek drainage, then easterly along the northern edge of the Soldier Creek drainage to the Selkirk Divide, then southerly along the Selkirk Divide to Baldy Mountain, then easterly along Little Sand Creek to the Pend Oreille River, then westerly along the northern shore of the Pend Oreille River to the point of beginning and that portion of Unit 1 within the following boundary: Beginning at the confluence of the Moyie River and the Kootenai River, then west and north on the Kootenai River to the Copeland Bridge, then east on County Road 45 to the junction with State Highway 1, then south on State Highway 1 to the intersection with State Highway 95, then north and east on State Highway 95 to where State Highway 95 crosses the Moyie River, then south on the Moyie River to the point of beginning.

Hunt Area 22 — All of Units 22 and 31.

Hunt Area 32 — All of Units 32 and 32A.